



ROTC NEWSLETTER



WILDCAT BATTALION



SENIOR MILITARY INSTRUCTOR COMMENTS

By: MSG Tadd Lambert

I cannot believe the semester is almost over. The program has made tremendous progress since August and I could not be more proud of our Cadets and their performance thus far. MSIs thru MSIIIs gained excellent knowledge, experience, and leadership development because of good tough training planned by our MSIVs. MSIVs really hit their stride during the Fall FTX and have not let up. Continue to push hard and finish the semester strong.



A big shout out to our Ranger Challenge team. Led by CDT Eric Wallace, the team finished 9th out of 44 teams during the 2017 Second Brigade Ranger Challenge held at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. That makes three consecutive years of finishing in the top ten. Hard work pays off. Great job! With the semester winding down and holiday season approaching I ask that everyone remain diligent and focused. Remember, we still have two battle drill leadership labs remaining, a fun and exciting Combat Water Survival Test lab, and Military Science Class final exams before we head off for winter break. Keep up the great work!

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BATTALION UPDATE

By: Jason Alphonse

This semester has been a very eventful one for the Wildcat Battalion. Cadets from all military science (MS) levels have been hard at work planning and executing serious training. Our premium Ranger Challenge and Color Guard teams have continued to excel and represent the very best that our battalion has to offer. Cadet Eric Wallace lead our Ranger Challenge team to another top 10 finish this year. Cadet Conor Phelps, Cadet Anthony Scozzari and Cadet Megan Bennet have conducted countless events at their schools and in their communities, honoring our Nation's Colors and the United States Army.



Training conducted within the battalion has also been excellent this year. Our Cadet Battalion Commander and Cadet Operations Officer, Cadet Jacob Remick and Cadet Bryan Carleton, have put together some of the best leadership labs

we have seen in the Wildcat Battalion. The little known and unsung battalion staff officers have also done a great job of supporting the battalion this semester. These MSIVs are responsible for all of the day-to-day operations that keep our program running smoothly. MSIIIs have also done an excellent job so far disseminating information and rising to meet all the challenges posed against them. Finally, cadets from all three companies have been participating in the rigorous Brigade Freedom Challenge. Cadets have found new confidence from completing events like the 6-mile ruck march in under 1.5 hours and a 4-mile run in under 34



minutes. Warriors like Cadet Alex Brown have pushed themselves harder than they thought possible and accomplished some truly great physical achievements as a result. Wildcat Battalion has had a great semester thus far thanks to all the efforts from our cadre and cadet leadership. We are on track to finish this semester strong and have set ourselves up for success for the rest of the academic year and beyond.

MY EXPERIENCE IN THE PROGRAM

By: Cam Barth

I am an MSIV in Army ROTC here at UNH. I joined the program since fall semester of my freshman year. Freshman year for me was a big adjustment period. I am first generation military in my family so not only was I transitioning into college life, but I was also adjusting to being a part of a military organization.

ROTC freshman year was like drinking from a "fire hose." I was trying to take in as much information as possible and participate in as many ROTC activities as I could. I participated in Ranger Challenge, Color Guard, and volunteered at many recruiting events. During all those events I began to gain an appreciation for ROTC and what it meant to be an officer in the United States Army.

As a sophomore I was a team leader in my squad. It was my first-time overseeing cadets. I still tried to absorb as much information from the MSIII's and MSIV's as I could, while also trying to help the freshman adjust to life in college and ROTC. I learned how to interact and teach the MSI's the limited knowledge that I had obtained.



As an MSIII, I was able to hold the positions of Squad Leader, Platoon Leader, and Platoon Sergeant. This is the year I learned how to lead by example. During this year I spent it preparing for Advanced Camp and being a mentor to the MSIs and MSII's. At Advanced Camp, I spent over 30 days in Kentucky being evaluated on my leadership

skills and among other things. I met cadets from across the country and had to be able to work with people I barely knew. This experience helped me develop my leadership style by watching other leaders and being put in leadership positions myself.

Now as a senior, I am currently the Alpha Company Commander. I am in charge of all the cadets at UNH and plan all

events within the company. I work with CDT Bagley, who is the 1SGT and we both try and keep the company moving in the right direction with the help of the entire cadre. This experience has shown me how to balance transactional and transformational leadership, something I learned during my sophomore year.

ROTC has been a great program for me to be involved in. A few things I have learned is to always lead from the front, always be prepared, and it is the little things that make the difference between success and failure. I have grown a lot as a person and as a leader through UNH Army ROTC.

WELCOME TO THE PROGRAM

By: Methodius Kpan

Throughout the semester, deserving cadets are awarded contracts because they have shown that they have what it takes to be an Army officer. Being a contracted cadet means a lot for these cadets since they have worked tremendously to achieve this, and they also must work twice as hard to maintain their contracts. Every



time a cadet is contracted, there is a contracting ceremony held after the leadership labs. On behalf of the cadre, and the entire MSIV class, I want to welcome these outstanding cadets into the

UNH Army ROTC program: Samantha Benoit, Keo Simonson, Nicholas Cormier, Isaiah Deleon, Amanda Eager, Nicholas Muise, Isabella Pantano, Alys Pennycuik, Cody Kendrick, Anthony Scozzari, Cassidy Barnes, Ryan Magrane, Kristen Quitayen, Julia Potter, Maxwell Croteau and Hailey Buck.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 Oct 29	30	31	01	02	03 Veterans Day Lab	04
Week 2 Nov 5	06	07	08	09 MS IV Record PT Test	10	11 Veterans Day
Week 3 Nov 12	13	14	15 MS I-III Record PT Test	16	17 Battle Drills 2 Lab	16
Week 4 Nov 19	20	21		23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
Week 5 Nov 26	27	28	29	30	01	02

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